

WHAT'S ON

East Gippsland

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FISHING *Report*

*Hook Line And Sinker we have got you covered
Fishing made easy with our expert tips and fishing spots*

OCTOBER

Lakes Entrance - The Surf beaches are landing gummy shark, on high tide, using fresh squid, mullet and tailor. Salmon are still cruising along the coastline, chasing metal slugs. Around the islands for smaller sized salmon biting on soft plastics, great for the kids to have some fun.

Lake Tyers - Mill Point boat ramp has nice sized bream, trevally are biting on natural coloured soft plastics. Try the faster-flowing areas. Flathead are biting on soft plastics and lures. Bream, taking fresh sandworm are biting in the upper reaches of Nowa Nowa Arm.

Mitchell River - Bream are fishing well from the river mouth through to The Bluff, with local, live sandworm producing the goods. The Cut and lower river are worth a look, particularly around the grassy banks, snags and deeper water.

Tambo River - Good-sized Bream are being caught from Rough Road through to the Highway Bridge at Swan Reach, with live sandworm and local prawns producing the goods. Estuary Perch are also being caught upstream of the Highway Bridge, with Mullet and Luderick also around the lower reaches.

Nicholson - Bream are the main target, with the stretch between the Highway and the Car Bodies fishing well. Soft-shell crab, cut crab and live sandworm are the pick of the baits. The deeper water and structure around the bridges are also worth a try.

Metung - Nungurner Jetty is worth a look for Whiting, with local sandworm and pipis producing the goods. Metung's town jetties and Chinaman's Creek are fishing well for Bream, with cut crab, soft-shell crab and local prawns the pick of the baits.

Paynesville/Holland's Landing - Paynesville town jetties are fishing well for Bream, with soft-shell crab and local prawns producing good results. Around Ocean Grange, Snapper are being caught, while Gummies have been taking soft plastics. For Salmon and Tailor, metal lures are the go.

Marlo - Bream are moving up the Snowy River. They can also be spotted in the Brodribb River catching local prawn. Try Surf Beaches for Salmon and Tailor.

Bemm River - Decent-sized bream are being caught in the lake with live sandworm. Flathead, trevally and salmon are also in the lake. The entrance is closed.

Mallacoota - Flathead are on the move, try paddle-tail soft plastics along the edges of the sandy flats. The top lake is abundant with bream, Bass yabbies and prawns are producing some great results for both boat and land-based fishers.

High Country - Nice-sized trout can be found in the rivers, with good numbers of fish showing and readily taking bait, lures and flies.

Please check weather conditions and prepare for any sudden changes before you venture into the High Country.

Please remember to take back with you what you bought along on your fishing adventure. This ensures we all keep our waterways clean and free of rubbish. Thank You.



A Recreational Fishing Licence is required when fishing in Victoria between the ages of 18-70 years (exemptions apply). you can buy a licence by visiting vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fishing-licence or popping into your local information centres OR by scanning the QR code.

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MONTHLY *Markets*

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET

 Date & Time:

1st Saturday

8:00AM TO 1:00PM

Howitt Park Bowls Club
Corner of McEacharn St and
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale
Contact: John 0419 890 139

MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET

 Date & Time:

1st Saturday

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Mudbrick Pavilion
1 Develling Drive, Mallacoota
Additional dates over
summer and Easter

LAKES ENTRANCE SURF CLUB MARKET

 Date & Time:

1st Sunday

9:00AM TO 3:00PM

Foreshore Rotunda
Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
Contact: Perry 0477014463

METUNG FARMERS MARKET

 Date & Time:

2nd Saturday

8:30AM TO 12:30PM

Village Green
50 Metung Rd, Metung
Contact: Peter 0448 976 480

PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET

 Date & Time:

2nd Sunday

8:30AM TO 1:30PM

Gilsenan Reserve
Raymond St, Paynesville
Contact: Bill 0438 351 886

UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE

 Date & Time:

3rd Saturday

8:30AM TO 1:30PM

Bairnsdale Uniting Church
Great Alpine Rd and Lanes
Rd, Lucknow
Contact: John 0419 890 139

LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET

 Date & Time:

3rd Sunday

9:00AM TO 12:00PM

Lindenow Hall & car park
Main St, Lindenow
Contact: Lynda 0437 778 510

SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET

 Date & Time:

3rd Sunday

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Twin River & Lions Community
Shed, Swan Reach Recreation
Reserve
Contact: Desma 0432 188 295

PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

 Date & Time:

4th Saturday

8:00AM TO 12:00PM

Foreshore Reserve
Esplanade, Paynesville
Contact: Michael 0416 048 680

BAIRNSDALE SUNRISE ROTARY MARKET

 Date & Time:

4th Sunday

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Howitt Park
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale
Contact: Elaine: 0432 602 007



WHAT'S ON - UPCOMING EVENTS

East Gippsland events page

PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE VISIT EAST GIPPSLAND EVENTS PAGE VIA THE QR CODE.

October

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

TUES
ONGOING

SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE
Twin River & Lions Community Shed
Swan Reach Recreation Reserve
Phone: Desma 0432 188 295
10:00am - 2:00pm

TUES
ONGOING

50'S ROCK & ROLL CLASSES
No partner or experience necessary, beginner and intermediate classes available. First night free.
Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall
Phone: 0472 998 842
7:00pm

WED
ONGOING

BOOT SCOOTIN IN BUCHAN
Proudly supported by Buchan Neighbourhood House. Buchan Hall
Phone: 5155 9216
6:00pm - 8:00pm

SAT
ONGOING

LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN
Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
8:00am

SAT
ONGOING

BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN
Port of Bairnsdale
8:00am

SAT
ONGOING

OLD TIME DANCING
Join in the fun of old-time dancing. Please bring a plate to share for supper at the Picnic Point Hall 114 Drevermann St, Bairnsdale
8:00pm - 12:00am

Thurs 01
Sat 17

NATURAL FORMS IN LANDSCAPE, IN 2 MINDS
Check out this new exhibition featuring 2 great artists telling their stories.
East Gippsland Art Gallery
12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale
<http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au>
Closed Public Holidays

01
Thursday

DANIEL CHAMPAGNE
One of "the finest guitar players of his generation," Daniel has been selling out shows worldwide. Returning to Australia, his live shows, reimagined for intimate venues, offering a powerful and up-close experience.
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale
Phone: 5152 1482
7:30pm

02
Friday

JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE
Enjoy the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. Johnsonville Hall
1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville
8:00pm

03
Saturday

EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET
Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy)
Bairnsdale Phone: 0419 890 139
8:00am - 1:00pm

03
Saturday

MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET
Mudbrick Pavilion
1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota
9:00am

Sat 03
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Sun 04

MALLACOOTA CUP
Come along and check out the rivalry of state and interstate teams as they vie for the annual soccer championship. A great sporting & social event.
Mallacoota Soccer Club, Greer St,
<https://www.facebook.com/mallacootacup/>

03
Saturday

PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ
Skilled volunteers will help breathe new life into your beloved items, and try to get it working again.
Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre
Esplanade, Paynesville (enter via rear carpark)
10:00am

03
Saturday

FASHION FOR FOOD
A fun filled afternoon of fashions, raffles and community spirit to raise funds for the Paynesville Community Foodbank.
Paynesville Uniting Church Hall
Langford St, Paynesville
Ph: Rosemary: 0421 116 731
2:00pm

03
Saturday

JOE AVATI - GOOD OLD DAYS
Over the last 30 years Joe Avati has established himself as one of the biggest comedy exports Australia has produced. Let him take you on a trip down memory lane and reminisce about the 'Good Old Days'.
Bairnsdale RSL
Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale

04
Sunday

LAKESTERS SWAP MEET
Come along and check out the huge display of cars, trucks, hot rods, street machines and more. Including a show and shine.
Lucknow Football Oval
Great Alpine Rd, Lucknow
8:00am

04
Sunday

SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET
Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
Phone: 0477 014 463
9:00am

	04 Sunday	COME & TRY DRAGON BOATING Come along and have a go at Dragon Boating with the Waratahs Dragon Boating Club. Howitt Park boat ramp. 9:30am		12 Monday	MONDAY RACING Come along and enjoy a day of racing whilst supporting the East Gippsland Breast Cancer Support Fund. Bairnsdale Racecourse Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale 11:00am
	09 Friday	WELCOME BACK THE BIRDS Celebrating local environmental initiatives across the Gippsland Lakes and welcoming the return of migratory birds. Boat tours, nature walks, wildlife displays, Fishcare activities, live music and food vans will be on site. Eagle Point Foreshore Hub Eagle Bay Dve, Eagle Point 11:00am		15 Thursday	BAIRNSDALE VIEW CLUB FASHION PARADE 12 noon for light lunch at 12:30, parade commencing at 1:30pm. Dorr prizes and raffles. Sponsored by Black Pepper Bairnsdale Bowls Club, 54 Grant St
	Fri 09 - Sun 11	ROCKTOBER FESTIVAL See highlights on the next page For more information https://www.lerockers.com/		Thurs 15 - Sun 18	ALLO ALLO Bairnsdale Production Line present this show based on the successful British television series, adapted for the stage by its original writing team. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482
	10 Saturday	METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Tracey 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm		17 Saturday	UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale. Phone: John 0419 890 139 8:30am – 11:00am
	10 Saturday	LOVE YOUR BOOKSHOP DAY Come along and check out this inaugural big book bazaar, featuring workshops with many local authors promoting their works. Food vans, competitions and music throughout the day and so much more. Schoolworks 147 MacLeod St, Bairnsdale 10:00am to 2:00pm Visit our Facebook page for more information		17 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY Open, ladies & juniors standard saloons, Div 2 hotrods, limited sportsman. Bairnsdale Speedway 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock 4:30pm
	10 Saturday	CAR & BIKE SHOW Join the Kalimna Hotel as they showcase an incredible lineup of classic cars, custom builds, vintage beauties, and standout bikes. There will also be live music and food available. Kalimna Hotel 10:00am		18 Sunday	SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve 9:00am
	10 Saturday	SOLARFOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL This festival is a solar powered stage & sound treat. Multiple musicians, market stalls, food and firepits. Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St 12:00pm – 6:00pm		Fri 23 Oct - Sat 28 Nov	YOUTH ARTS EXHIBITION, DEANNE HOWLETT – ONE DROP East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au
	11 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Phone: 0400 327 526 8:00am		Fri 23 - Sun 25	BAIRNSDALE SCALE COMPETITION Bairnsdale & District Model Aero Club are hosting the Scale Nationals. This event has multiple classes of scale model aeroplanes performing across the weekend. Bairnsdale & District Model Aero Club 1125 Bengworden Rd, Goon Nure
	11 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM Paynesville Maritime Museum operates a small museum display which tells the story of maritime Paynesville with photographs, artefacts. Raymond St, Paynesville 9:00am		23 Friday	STEWART D'ARRIETTA – MY LEONARD COHEN After a sellout tour in Europe and Ireland, D'Arrietta and his band provide gutsy and arresting interpretations of Cohen's powerful works, framed by a personal narrative. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30pm
	11 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm			

	24 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Phone: Michael Nelson 0416 048 680 8:00am		Fri 30 Oct - Sun 1 Nov	ANNUAL BALL WEEKEND Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. Sunday light lunch provided. \$15pp each day. Lucknow Memorial Hall 105 Great Alpine Rd, Lucknow
	24 Saturday	WILD CHERRY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR Come along and join in the fun where there will be market stalls, kids activities, cake stall, food & entertainment. Wild Cherry School 28 McKean St, Bairnsdale 10:00am		31 Saturday	EAGLE POINT COMMUNITY HALL MARKET The market at the hall has all proceeds going toward improvements and upkeep of the hall. This hall is one of a few community-owned halls in Victoria, so organisers welcome interest and support in helping to maintain and ensure a continued contribution to the community. Eagle Point Rd, Eagle Point 9:00am
	24 Saturday	CASEY DONOVAN – THIS IS ME. From winning Australian Idol at just 16 to becoming a household name, Casey's powerhouse vocals and heartfelt performances have made her a standout in music, theatre, and television. The tour will feature iconic songs from her career Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30 pm		31 Saturday	CRAFT & BLOOM The Inner Wheel Club of Bairnsdale are holding a plant, craft and general market. Mechanics Hall Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance 9:00am
	25 Sunday	HOWITT PARK MARKET Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale 9:00am		Sat 31 Oct - Sun 01 Nov	WARBIRDS OVER BAIRNSDALE Come and join in the fun of our annual "Warbirds Over Bairnsdale" event which celebrates the great warbirds in aviation. Bring your favourite warbird whether it be a WWI biplane or a modern turbine jet. Bairnsdale & District Model Aero Club 1125 Bengworden Rd, Goon Nure
	25 Sunday	JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. Johnsonville Hall 1754 Princes Hwy 1:00pm		Sat 31 Oct - Sun 01 Nov	BUCHAN FLOWER, ARTS & CRAFT SHOW See highlights on the next page For more information Buchan Mechanics Hall Main St, Buchan
	25 Saturday	CREEDANCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL There's a reason these songs still hit people in the chest 50 years later. Between 1969 and 1971, Creedence Clearwater Revival dominated the world with an unbelievable run of hit records — but CCR was always more than just hit songs. Their music spoke for ordinary people. The workers. The outsiders. The ones trying to survive while the world around them kept changing. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 3:30pm		31 Saturday	LIGHT NIGHT A family-friendly alternative to Halloween? Bring the kids in their favourite costumes for an evening full of fun. Jumping castles, face painting, a live band, dance party, costume prizes, giveaways, and plenty of lollies. Food trucks and a sausage sizzle will be available for purchase. Riviera Christiam Centre 103 Dargo Rd, Bairnsdale 5:30pm
	Fri 30 Oct - Tues 3 Nov	OMEIO CARAVAN & RV MUSTER The Annual Caravan & RV muster is on once again. Held over the Melbourne Cup Weekend it's a great opportunity to catch up with all the regulars and have some great fun and be entertained throughout the weekend. On Saturday there will be a Show 'n' Shine with hot rods and motorbikes on show. Omeo Golf Club 27 Stanley Dve, Omeo Bookings essential omeogolfclub@gmail.com		Sat 31 Oct - Sun 01 Nov	LAKES ENTRANCE RUNNING FESTIVAL Get ready to dive in, because the Lakes Entrance Running Festival is shore to be a weekend to remember. From the marathon to shorter distances perfect for a splash of fun. With the sparkling Gippsland coast as your course and a festival vibe that flows well beyond the finish line, Esplanade, Lakes Entrance



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MONTHLY EVENTS

Johnsonville Dance

1st Fri -- 8:00pm – 12:00am

Johnsonville Hall

1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville

East Gippsland Historical Society Museum

1st Sun -- 10:00am – 3:00pm

40 Macarthur St, Bairnsdale - Ph: 5152 6363

Paynesville Maritime Museum

2nd Sun -- 9:00am – 12:30pm

Raymond St, Paynesville - Ph: 0419 347 845

Bairnsdale Country Music Club

2nd Sun -- 1:00pm

Bairnsdale RSL, 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale

Johnsonville Hall Dance

2nd Sun -- 1:00pm

Johnsonville Hall, 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville

Bairnsdale Repair Café

3rd Sat -- 10:00am – 2:00pm

Room 15 The Hub, Bairnsdale,
27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale

Nyerimilang Devonshire tea

Last Sun -- 10:00am – 2:00pm

Nyerimilang Heritage Park, 20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang
Ph: 5156 3253

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East Gippsland

LE ROCKTOBER FESTIVAL

Date: Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October

Go gold for kids with cancer.

Saturday Night will always be Gold Night, as our theme, fundraising for Melons Cottage, a respite for families with children undergoing treatment for cancer.

This is going to be a huge weekend of music fun and entertainment. There will be Rock "N" Roll, show & shine, classic cars, market & food stalls, live music, dance workshops, hair workshops and much more.

We are excited to announce that Gayle from Popping Candy, is bringing her gorgeous range of SugarPOPs to our nightly dances in the Mechanics Hall,

Friday 9th - Night Dance

Saturday 10th - Daytime Activities

Saturday 10th - Night Dancing

Sunday 11th - Day Activities

For more information <https://www.lerockers.com/>



East Gippsland

BUCHAN FLOWER, ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Date: Saturday 31st October - Sunday 1st November

A rural and rustic country show showcasing a beautiful display of roses and cut flowers, floral art, pot plants, cooking, preserves and bread.

The arts and crafts section incorporates knitting, crochet, embroidery, sewing and painting.

Buchan Mechanics Hall
Main St, Buchan



For events and entertainment visit

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